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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action (final) dated Jan. 18, 2001.

Please cancel without prejudice claims 2, 6, 15, 19, 22, 27, and 36.

Please amend the claims, as follows, a complete copy of the claims remaining in

the case with all amendments made is attached at the end of this response.

The following show the changes made to the claims:

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2   —1. (Twice Amended) A routing system for distributing packets in a network,

3   comprising: